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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1959

Syracuse was a unanimous choice as college football's unofficial national champion of 1959, topping both the writers' and coaches' press association polls and winning the Football Writers Association of America's Grantland Rice Award.

The AP poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the UPI poll of coaches was begun in 1950. Representing the combined opinions of observers across the country, they are the most popularly accepted electors to mythical national title honors. Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies, symbolized the championship from 1924 to 1936. The roll of titlists thus designated:

1958—LSU	1950—Oklahoma	1941—Minnesota	1932—Michigan
1959—Syracuse	1949—Notre Dame	1940—Minnesota	1931—So. California
1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1948—Michigan	1939—Texas A&M	1930—Notre Dame
1956—Oklahoma	1947—Notre Dame	1938—T.C.U.	1929—Notre Dame
1955—Oklahoma	1946—Notre Dame	1937—Pittsburgh	1928—So. California
1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1945—Army	1936—Minnesota	1927—Illinois
1953—Maryland	1944—Army	1935—S.M.U.	1926—Stanford
1952—Michigan State	1943—Notre Dame	1934—Minnesota	1925—Dartmouth
1951—Tennessee	1942—Ohio State	1933—Michigan	1924—Notre Dame

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1959

The most successful major teams of the past quarter century, according to ratings produced by the press association polls, have been Notre Dame and Oklahoma. Counting 10 points for each season-end first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 106 points, the Sooners 88, with the rest far behind:

1. Notre Dame .. 106	5. Army .. 61	9. U.C.L.A. 40	13. Alabama 32
2. Oklahoma 88	6. Ohio State ... 54	10. Georgia Tech. 36	14. California ... 30
3. Michigan 67	7. Mich. State .. 48	11. LSU 35	15. Maryland ... 28
4. Tennessee ... 63	8. Minnesota ... 41	12. Navy 35	16. Iowa 27

THE GRANTLAND RICE AWARD

This post-bowl-games award, representing the FWAA selection committee's title choice, was presented to Syracuse in 1959. Previous awards went to UCLA in 1954, Oklahoma in 1955 and 1956, Ohio State in 1957 and Iowa in 1958.

adjusting to John Stiegman's single wing.

Generally, it is concluded that the selection of a champion in the Southwest Conference is beyond man's capabilities. Not one, but three winners developed last season, and none was the one given strongest advance support. That was Southern Methodist, this year relegated to the rear echelon.

Baylor, where John Bridgers is in his second season, is fingered as the outsider moving up. Substantial in the picture already are the defending co-titlists, Texas, Texas Christian and Arkansas. The Razorbacks offer the most exciting prospects, with Lance Alworth the best all-round back in the community and Wayne Harris superintending a light but quick line.

Now a victim of the NCAA's crime-and-punishment committee, learning how the other half lives after all these years, Oklahoma will get no mercy from the rest of the Big Eight (Oklahoma State formally becomes the eighth this season). The Sooners lost heavily at graduation, and this was a squad, you should recall, that lost to Nebraska and barely beat Kansas.

They are still the team to beat, but Kansas, with handy John Hadl moved to quarterback; Colorado, with a sophomore group now seasoned to fire; or Missouri, with a muscular core of Orange Bowlers left over, just may be the team to beat them.

Tulsa looks strong in the geographically unsound Missouri Valley Conference and should succeed North Texas State to the title.



UNGRACEFUL, BUT WORTH IT—
Kansas quickly across Penn State line
and zone for Embert's first touchdown.

Worship promises to win the Skyline
year for the cock of the walk in the
Everything seemed to matter much any
missing seemed to matter much any
This year the Birds, with Rich May
country schedule that should win them
Colorado State, New Mexico and Utah
conference trouble-makers.
It is customary to suspect Arizona
Border Conference, and there is no c
Harlin-Simmons and New Mexico St
Since Washington bombed Wisconsin
the Hesicles' feat has gained them stat
even, Jim Owens has 28 lettersmen back
the one-eyed quarterback; George F
innumerable stalwart linemen. They ar
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advantage, for the upset remains a co
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told me, "especially one who had five